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CITY COOL TO NEW THEATER

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think teachers should go on strike to achieve their goals?" the Pennies photographer asked in downtown Torrance.

Bonnie Jones, 2917 Onrado St.

"I don't think they're getting paid enough but it would be hard on the students if teachers went on strike. I think there should be some other way of achieving their aims."

Norma Barretta, San Pedro

"Absolutely not. They have no right to go on strike. They are performing a public service. They shouldn't penalize the children for mistakes of the parents."

Mrs. William Young, 1900 W. Artesia Blvd.

"I feel that is what is necessary then I am for it. I don't think it would be unfair to the children because if they did go on strike I probably wouldn't last long. I think they are underpaid and if they were paid more, school districts would get more teachers."

Dale Lauch, 4426 Greenmeadow St.

"No. They should find some other means. It can be settled without going on a strike. Arbitration should be tried first and if it could be settled this way it would be better for everyone involved."

Mrs. John McVicar, 2120 Gramercy

"I think teaching is a chosen profession and they have a choice whether they teach or take up some other profession such as secretarial work. A good teacher teaches because they like it and not for the money."

Overcrossing On Crenshaw Under Study

Torrance trustees passed a \$13,740,223 publication budget at Monday night's school board meeting. The district passed the publication budget to meet a July 20 deadline to file budgets with the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools.

School Named Arnold

Ladeene Elementary School was renamed Joseph Arnold School by the Torrance Board of Education at Monday night's meeting. The Trustees also approved plans for the new plant, named for the former board member who died recently. It was renamed at the suggestion of Trustee Bert Lynn. Arnold School is expected to cost \$120,000 for site development and \$652,800 for construction. The building will cost \$558,700 and will include 14 regular classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, and three rooms for special students.

THE BOARD also approved plans for a new athletic field for Torrance High School to replace the present one. The present field will be demolished at the end of the fall football season. The new track will be used in the spring of the 1962-63 year.

Continuing their battle to put school cafeterias on a self-supporting basis, the Board approved a slight increase in the price of some foods for the coming year.

THE MAJOR change was a 5-cent increase in the elementary pupil lunch, which is the major item in cafeteria sales.

In other action, Kurt Shery questioned the emphasis placed on communism in "The World of Communism" by Roger Swearingen and published by Houghton, Mifflin.

Dr. Shery inquired if the Communists were painted all black or if they were given credit for their progress.

He wanted a positive approach used so students would know that, while the Communists had made progress in bombs, they failed to feed the people.

ADMINISTRATOR Al Posner pointed out that the emphasis was on comparative government and a positive approach was used, and had been for the past year. "The book attempts to give a thorough understanding of the differences," Dr. Posner said. The book is used in U. S. Government and World Affairs as a supplementary text.

FIGURES released by the administration showed an average daily attendance rise the past year. Including special adult education, average attendance was 29,368.57. The year before it was 27,598.69. Despite a tuition fee last year for adult education, average attendance rose from 319.57 the year before to 355.08.

With undistributed reserves, the publication budget will come to \$15,652,483. The budget was adjusted to reflect the addition of two vice-principals and the elimination of all food services expenditures from the General Fund.

The total assessed valuation for the budget was some \$12 million less than the figure used in compiling the budget study and the tentative budget.

S. E. WALDRIP, assistant superintendent in charge of finance, said that during budget study, he had assumed assessed valuation would reach \$282,000,000. It totaled only \$250,422,000.

The figure is five per cent more than the \$238,683,000 of a year ago.

A final decision on the budget is expected to come at the Board's Aug. 6 meeting.

The publication building fund budget shows expenditures of \$3,127,500, compared with an income and beginning balance of \$5,730,314.

Combating an expected increase in traffic on Crenshaw when the San Diego Freeway opens, the Board decided to look into an overpass across Crenshaw on 186th Street.

BOARD MEMBER Bert Lynn said, "There is no question but we will have to put one up."

Lynn cited figures which indicate more than 90 per cent of the students attending Crenshaw Elementary School have to cross what will soon be a six-lane highway.

The Board suggested a simple, steel, well-caged overpass which would cost in the vicinity of \$30,000.

Ignoring warning "not to wave a red flag," the Board passed a resolution favoring an increase of the ceiling for maintenance work.

A STATE LAW, passed during the 1930 depression years, now requires a school to go to bid for any job on district property which would cost more than \$1,000.

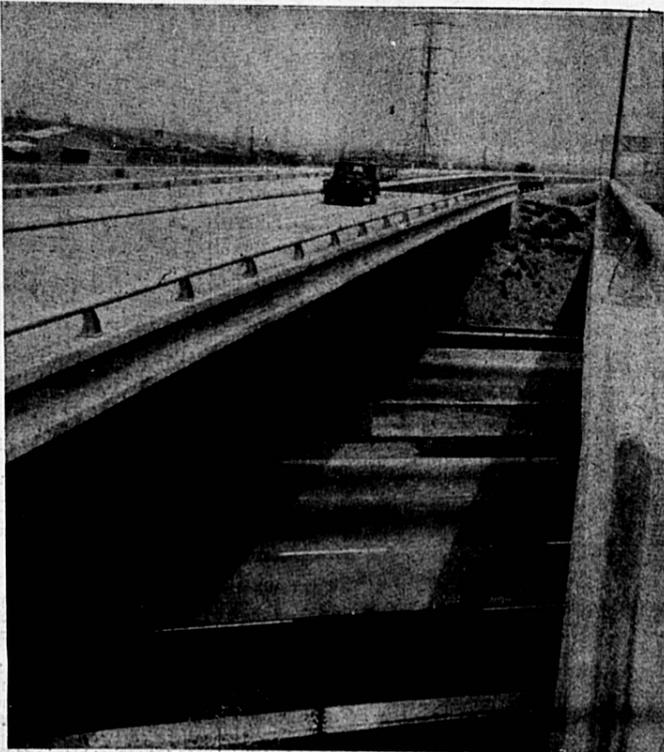
The Board resolution asked for a large realignment of the "must go to bid price" or that the whole area of contracting versus force labor be redefined so district can operate in the most economical way.

DISTRICT administrator Barney Garen asked the Board "Not to wave a red flag" at labor unions and contractors or "we will have them both on our neck and never get it through."

Board member William Boswell said, "We should wave a red flag and stand up for what we believe."

Thief Gets \$15 From YWCA Till

Fifteen dollars in change was stolen from an office at the YWCA, 2320 Carson St., Tuesday night. The thief gained entry by pulling open an unlocked window.



OFF-RAMP... Traffic began using this off-ramp at the interchange of the Harbor and San Diego Freeways last Monday. The new San Diego Freeway section, 4.6 miles in length, will be dedicated today at 11 a.m. (Herald Photo)

County Poker Ban Set For November Ballot

Citizens of Los Angeles County will get a chance to vote on a proposition banning draw poker after a unanimous vote by the County Board of Supervisors put the issue on the November ballot.

However, leaders from Gardena, where draw poker is legal, served notice they would tie up the matter in court procedures.

The matter will probably not

go on the November ballot and may be held up for as long as five years until the State Supreme Court can give a decision.

ON MONDAY, Gardena Mayor L. Pete Jensen filed a taxpayer's suit in Superior Court aimed at restraining a countywide vote on the prohibition of draw poker. Filig the suit as a taxpayer

and as mayor, Jensen said, "The important question in this issue is not whether Gardena or any other city in the county should be allowed to license, control, and tax the play of draw poker... but whether we are going to let the county, state, and nation take away from a city its constitutional rights of home rule."

SUPERVISORS called the bill a "watered-down" version of what they wanted, and indicated if the measure is tied up in court, they will ask the state legislature to vote for a statewide ban in January.

Attorney General Stanley Mosk said his office would go to court against any action attacking the new law, which says that any person playing poker or low ball poker or conducting such games in a county of more than four million persons is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The law would be in effect only if passed by a majority of Los Angeles County voters.



SAFETY AWARD... Bob Vroman, left, chairman of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council, accepts a plaque from Donald D. Treichler, safety consultant for the Automobile Club of Southern California, for Torrance's 1961 pedestrian record. The plaque is given by the American Automobile Assn. Enforcement, education and engineering are taken into consideration. Torrance had no pedestrian fatalities last year. This is the first time Torrance has received such an award in the program's 25-year history. The city is in competition with cities of from 100,000 to 200,000 population. (Herald Photo)

Decision on Request Due By Council

Backers of a request to permit construction of a 1,000-seat theater on city airport property at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway heard their suggestion criticized on several fronts Tuesday night before the City Council voted to withhold a decision until next Tuesday.

Officials of Jefferson, Inc., developers of the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard, had requested a variance to their lease to permit construction of the work-in-theater in conjunction with the center.

Andrew J. Brennan, chairman of the Aircraft Owners Committee, told members of the Airport Commission that "Torrance airport is in the path of destiny." He said the coming boom in aviation would seem to rule against operation of a theater at the east end of the airport.

HE WAS BACKED by three members of the commission who spoke of the hazards presented, and later voted to recommend denial of the request.

Commissioner Jack Brown said he "could not see the city asking for approval of a \$1,225,000 bond issue to clear the west end of the airport and then encumber the east end this way."

He was supported by Commissioners Homer Morgan and Joe Doss while President Bob Herrick and Commissioner Tom Abrams voted against denying the request.

HERRICK denied that the theater would lie in the approach zone or would constitute a hazard to the operation or development of the airport.

"We're going to get a theater in any event," he said. "On the Jefferson lease, we can regulate the type we'll get." Herrick was referring to an announcement made this week by George Graziadio, president of Golden State Properties, that a theater would be erected on their airport leasehold on the west side of Crenshaw.

At a later meeting Tuesday, the City Council voted to hold the entire matter for a week to collect more information on the request.

Resurfacing Begins in Carson Area

Resurfacing of several major streets in the Carson area is slated to begin this week, Supervisor Burton Chace has announced.

The project, which will cost \$4,800, includes 220th Street from Avalon Boulevard to Delores Street; 219th Street from Grace Avenue to Delores Street; Ravenna Avenue from 219th to Carson Street; and Cloverbrook Avenue between Ravenna and Neptune Avenues.

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